

Meta Seeks X-Style Community Notes: Fact Checkers Replaced!

Description

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When fake news spreads during disasters, like recent fires in Los Angeles, it raises concerns. Social media can be a source of misinformation. Mark Zuckerberg, from Meta, wanted to improve fact-checking after the Capitol riots. He suggested a new system of community notes where users, not experts, check facts. Some experts doubt this approach and prefer professional fact-checkers. But community notes can be helpful if used alongside experts. They rely on volunteers to verify information and can be effective in catching false claims. Despite the debate, the key is to find a balance between user input and professional oversight when combating fake news.

Birdwatching

Inspired by Wikipedia, community notes involve unpaid contributors correcting misinformation online. This system allows more fact checks to be done quickly by a large pool of volunteers. While some doubt its effectiveness compared to expert fact-checkers, community notes can play a role in tackling fake news.

Checking the fact checkers

Mark Zuckerberg has criticized fact checkers for being biased. Some argue that fact checking can lead to censorship, while others believe it is necessary to combat harmful misinformation. Finding a balance between user input and professional fact-checking is crucial in maintaining trust and accuracy online.

Trust in the algorithm

Community notes use algorithms to make sure corrections are helpful to a broad audience. While this can be effective, more work is needed to ensure accurate information is shared widely. Balancing user input with algorithmic selection is essential in building trust online.

'More bad stuff'

Despite changes to fact-checking, platforms like Meta still remove harmful content daily. Balancing free speech with preventing misinformation remains a challenge. Finding the right approach to tackling fake



news is crucial in maintaining a healthy online environment.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Misinformation** /ˈmɪs.ɪn.fər.meɪ.ʃən/ (noun): False or inaccurate information especially that which is spread intentionally.
2. **Fact-checking** /ˈfækt ˈtʃeɪk.ɪŋ/ (noun): The process of verifying the factual accuracy of information.
3. **Censorship** /ˈsɛn.sər.ʃɪp/ (noun): The suppression of speech public communication or other information.
4. **Algorithm** /ˈæl.ɡə.ˈrɪð.m/ (noun): A process or set of rules followed in calculations or problem-solving operations typically by a computer.
5. **Volunteers** /ˈvɒl.ʌn.tɪəz/ (noun): People who offer to do something without being paid.
6. **Balance** /ˈbæl.əns/ (noun): An even distribution of weight or resources; a condition in which different elements are equal or in the correct proportions.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What system did Mark Zuckerberg suggest for fact-checking after the Capitol riots?
Option: Professional fact-checkers only
Option: A community notes system where users check facts
Option: Algorithm-based fact-checking tool
Option: Outsourcing fact-checking to external organizations
2. What is the key to combating fake news according to the text?
Option: Relying solely on volunteers for fact-checking
Option: Finding a balance between user input and professional oversight
Option: Ignoring expert fact-checkers
Option: Implementing strict censorship policies
3. Community notes are inspired by which platform?
Option: Facebook
Option: Twitter
Option: Wikipedia
Option: Instagram
4. What is the purpose of using algorithms in community notes?
Option: To restrict user input
Option: To ensure accurate corrections are made
Option: To promote misinformation



Option: To prioritize celebrity news

5. Which is a challenge mentioned in the text regarding fact-checking on platforms like Meta?

Option: Lack of user engagement

Option: Balancing free speech with preventing misinformation

Option: Relying solely on expert fact-checkers

Option: Ignoring harmful content

6. What is crucial in building trust online according to the text?

Option: Algorithmic bias

Option: User engagement

Option: Balancing user input with algorithmic selection

Option: Censorship of content

True-False

7. Community notes involve unpaid contributors correcting misinformation online.

8. Mark Zuckerberg has praised fact checkers for their unbiased approach.

9. Finding a balance between user input and professional fact-checking is important for maintaining trust online.

10. Algorithmic selection can sometimes hinder the sharing of accurate information.

11. Platforms like Meta do not face the challenge of removing harmful content on a daily basis.

12. Tackling fake news has no impact on maintaining a healthy online environment.

Gap-Fill

13. Community notes involve _____ correcting misinformation online.

14. Mark Zuckerberg has criticized fact checkers for being _____.

15. Balancing user input with algorithmic selection is essential in building trust _____.

16. The key is to find a balance between user input and professional oversight when combating fake
_____.

17. Community notes use algorithms to ensure _____ corrections are made.



18. Despite changes to fact-checking, platforms like Meta still remove harmful content

_____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. A community notes system where users check facts 2. Finding a balance between user input and professional oversight 3. Wikipedia 4. To ensure accurate corrections are made 5. Balancing free speech with preventing misinformation 6. Balancing user input with algorithmic selection

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. unpaid contributors 14. biased 15. online 16. news 17. accurate 18. daily

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which term refers to groups of living organisms capable of interbreeding?

- Option: Animals
- Option: Populations
- Option: Ecosystems
- Option: Habitats

2. What legal right does an author have to control the use of their work?

- Option: Patent
- Option: Trademark
- Option: Fair use
- Option: Copyright

3. A prolonged public dispute or debate is known as:

- Option: Agreement
- Option: Consensus
- Option: Controversy
- Option: Concord

4. False or inaccurate information that is spread regardless of intent to deceive is:

- Option: Information
- Option: Disinformation
- Option: Misinformation
- Option: Propaganda

5. Speed greater than that of sound is termed as:



- Option: Hypersonic
- Option: Sonic
- Option: Transonic
- Option: Supersonic

6. The application of scientific knowledge for practical purposes is called:

- Option: Theology
- Option: Technology
- Option: Biology
- Option: Meteorology

7. Individuals who freely offer to take part in a task or participate voluntarily are known as:

- Option: Candidates
- Option: Volunteers
- Option: Recruits
- Option: Interns

8. The ratio of the speed of an object to the speed of sound in the surrounding medium is known as:

- Option: Velocity
- Option: Momentum
- Option: Mach
- Option: Acceleration

9. Involving a scientific experiment or a trial is referred to as:

- Option: Theoretical
- Option: Practical
- Option: Experimental
- Option: Hypothetical

10. The least or smallest amount possible is called the:

- Option: Maximum
- Option: Average
- Option: Minimum
- Option: Optimal

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The _____ temperature of the Earth is a key concern for environmentalists.
12. Many people prefer the _____ lifestyle for its convenience and access to amenities.
13. During the presentation the speaker will _____ the key points of the research findings.



14. She _____ her gratitude for the support she received during a difficult time.
15. The two companies _____ on a joint project to develop a new product.
16. A healthy diet _____ the body's nutritional needs to maintain well-being.
17. The government agency acts as a _____ overseeing the safety of various industries.
18. The company offers _____ services tailored to each individual customer.
19. His comments were deemed _____ to the topic of discussion.
20. Health _____ are often addressed through public awareness campaigns.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The technology allows users to manage or direct the operation of devices or systems.
22. The company faced a period of extreme confusion and instability due to internal conflicts.
23. A bacterial infection that can be transmitted to humans through water contaminated by animal urine.
24. The suppression or prohibition of any parts of books films news etc. that are considered obscene politically unacceptable or a threat to security.
25. A process or set of rules to be followed in calculations or other problem-solving operations especially by a computer.
26. A category of artistic composition characterized by similarities in form style or subject matter.
27. Something that blocks the way or prevents movement or access.
28. Actors often use makeup and costumes to imitate or copy the behavior of famous personalities.
29. The process of verifying the accuracy and truthfulness of claims and statements made in public discourse.
30. Individuals who freely offer to take part in a task or participate voluntarily are known as.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Populations 2. Copyright 3. Controversy 4. Misinformation 5. Supersonic 6. Technology 7. Volunteers 8. Mach 9. Experimental 10. Minimum

Gap-Fill: 11. Rising 12. Urban 13. Highlight 14. Expressed 15. Cooperated 16. Balances 17. Regulator 18. Personalized 19. Unrelated 20. Concerns

Matching sentence: 1. Control 2. Turmoil 3. Leptospirosis 4. Censorship 5. Algorithm 6. Genre 7. Barrier 8. Mimics



9. Fact-checking 10. Volunteers

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